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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology
The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: U. S. Policy on Control of Armaments

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(2) A study to cover the technical factors involved in monitoring a long-range rocket test agreement to assure that it is carried out for peaceful purposes (such as the launching of scientific reconnaissance vehicles).

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